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- 1. In early September 1952, [] 1,200 and 700 men of the Kasernierte Volkspolizei Dienststelle (KVPD) in Grossenhain moved to Ruegen and Cottbus respectively. The Cottbus airfield was taken over from the Soviet Army. In early September, three companies with a total of about 500 men were still stationed in Grossenhain. Commanding officer of the KVPD in Grossenhain was VP Inspekteur Fieth (fnu), and the battalion formed by the three companies was commanded by VP Oberrat Itzekiel (fnu).
- 2. The VPs in Grossenhain were armed with small arms. Tanks, field guns, howitzers, mortars and AA guns were also observed at the installation. Tank drivers were being employed as drivers for trucks and sedans. The uniforms worn by the VPs were rather poor, but the food was good. The morale of the NCOs and EM was not good. Sixteen police fled during August. *

25X1 * [] Comment. According to statements made by VP deserters, the KVPD in Grossenhain detached a large portion of its personnel to the VP units which are being organized near Eggesin and Prora on Ruegen Island. The personnel transferred to Cottbus is believed to be assigned to the 600th VPD (Air). One regiment is stationed in Cottbus. [] Prior to July 1952, the commanding officer of the KVPD in Grossenhain was VP Kommandeur Gebauer (fnu). VP Chefinspekteur Fieth (fnu), the new commanding officer of this unit, is reported for the first time. VP Oberrat Itzekiel (fnu) whose name was spelled also Itzegiehl, was previously reported as being in charge of infantry training at the KVPD in Grossenhain. It is undetermined whether this KVPD will be deactivated or whether it will be brought again to its previous strength. The observation of heavy weapons and tanks and the appointment of a VP Inspektaur as the commanding officer of a KVPD indicates that the unit will not be deactivated.

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